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College Reports First Case of COVID-19 for Fall Semester; Less Cases than Rest of NESCAC

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Trinity's COVID-19 Dashboard reported the College's first case for the fall semester. One employee tested positive, according to the Dashboard's active case count as of Sept. 17, however zero students produced positive test results.

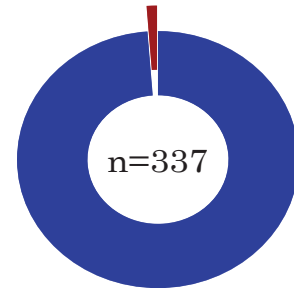
These numbers mark a slight increase in cases since the first week of classes when Trinity identified zero cases of COVID-19 among students, employees, and affiliates. These results also come after the College announced that 98 percent of the campus community is now fully vaccinated against the virus. Since the week of Sept. 13, 333 negative cases were reported from a total of 337 administered tests; four of these test results were inconclusive.

Trinity recently changed its surveillance testing policy for fully vaccinated students. These students

are now required to obtain a medical evaluation and undergo a 10-day isolation if they receive a positive test result, according to a Sept. 14 email from Chief of Staff and Vice President for External Affairs Jason Rojas. Prior to this announcement, fully vaccinated students who tested positive for COVID-19 only had to wear a mask for ten days and receive a medical evaluation in the Health Center.

"While compliance with mask wearing in classrooms has been strong, there have been reports of lack of compliance in common areas such as the dining hall, the fitness center, and the library," said Rojas in his address to students, faculty, and staff. "If we continue to receive reports of a lack of compliance, we will have to consider additional restrictions on the number of people who can be in spaces, reductions in allowable crowd size, and other accom-

Test Results: Week of Sept. 13



■ 98.81% Negative
■ 1.19% Invalid

For the week of Sept. 13, Trinity's testing program conducted a total of 337 PCR tests, 333 of which returned negative results. Additionally, four tests were deemed invalid. As of Sept. 20 there is one active COVID case, but it is unclear whether this case was detected through Trinity's testing program or if the test was completed externally.

tability measures, including disciplinary actions."

Trinity's active case count remains one of the lowest among its peer institutions in the New England Small College Ath-

letics Conference (NESCAC).

Connecticut College's Covid-19 Dashboard reported 21 active cases (20 students, one employee) the week of Sept 13-19. Earlier

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Administration Changes Isolation Protocol and Highlights Need for Mask-Wearing Compliance

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Last Tuesday, Sept. 14, Chief of Staff and Vice President for External Affairs Jason Rojas announced in an email to the Trinity community that there were reports of inconsistencies in mask wearing across campus, as well as a change in isolation policy, including further details about isolation housing. Reports of a lack of mask wearing compliance in the fitness center, the Raether Library, and in Mather Hall were received by Trinity's COVID steering community from "some faculty, staff, and students," Rojas clarified to the Tripod. The change in isolation policy will now require all students who test positive for COVID-19 to be placed in isolation for 10 days.

The Tripod reached out to students on their thoughts regarding the mask policy on campus more generally. One student, who would like to remain anonymous, remarked, "It makes no sense to have to wear your mask in Mather while getting food only to no longer be required to wear it while eating. COVID doesn't take lunch breaks, so either eating in Mather isn't safe or wearing a mask in line is pointless." A member from the class of 2024 commented, "I think that it's important that we wear masks inside and should continue to do so especially as the virus continues to be transmitted rapidly."

Generally, students seem to understand the importance of mask-wearing as a public health policy, however the reports of non-compliance continue. Trinity College's mask-wearing policy has remained mostly



Doonesbury Hall will not be used for quarantine/isolation housing this semester. Instead, isolation housing will be in college-owned facilities near campus.

the same compared to last year. However, the re-opening of Mather dining hall to full-capacity sit-down meals, where students can eat with their peers unmasked, is the most significant deviation from last year's mask policy.

Following Rojas's email, a number of students have

reported to the Tripod that there have been individuals moving through the Raether Library to enforce mask compliance. This was confirmed by Rojas in an email to the Tripod in which he explained that the College "has" secured

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CORRECTIONS

Tripod Editorial

On Limiting Social Media in Light of WSJ Investigation

A recent investigation conducted by Jeff Horwitz of The Wall Street Journal reveals that, as many may have guessed, Facebook Inc. is well aware of the fact that its platform is infested with flaws that do nothing but harm its users. These flaws cause a certain kind of harm that only the company can fully comprehend, and The Wall Street Journal's study reveals that the researchers at Facebook, despite the fact that the ill effects of the platform are increasingly evident to those inside of the company, have done nothing to fix them. This is manipulation at its finest, and those that are arguably affected the most by this lack of transparency and regard for users tend to be younger populations; like us. Facebook continually ignores the media exposés and congressional hearings regarding this issue.

Mark Zuckerberg has said that Facebook allows its users to speak on "equal footing with the elites of politics, culture, and journalism" and that its standards apply to everyone. Yet behind the scenes, the company has exempted some higher-profile users from these rules. Zuckerberg claimed that he was aiming to strengthen bonds between users, and even improve their well-being by encouraging interactions between friends and family online.

If you use Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, or another one of the popular social media platforms that dictate our everyday life as young people in this day in age, you're aware that they are capable of negatively affecting one's mental health. Even if you haven't directly experienced this kind of mental strain, odds are you know someone who has suffered from the negative effects of social media. The algorithms foster addiction, discord, and self-hate, and there is no

way around it thanks to its creators. Mark Zuckerberg has also denied the extent to which the apps harm users, stating that the research shows that "using social apps to connect with other people can have positive mental health benefits," an attempt to frame the incriminating findings in a positive light. The Wall Street Journal exposé however, reveals that the opposite is true. In studies conducted by the company itself, researchers at Facebook found that some problems were specific to Instagram and weren't seen as often on other social media platforms. Particularly, social comparison, in which users would assess their own value in relation to the wealth, success, and attractiveness of others, is much worse on Instagram. Instagram revolves around appearance, the body, and lifestyle.

During a congressional hearing this past March, Zuckerberg was asked if the company had studied the app's effects on children, and he answered with the lack-luster response "I believe the answer is yes." It's fairly apparent that these people in charge do not care about what their apps do to the mental health of users, they only care that we still use them. When Senators Richard Blumenthal and Marsha Blackburn called on Zuckerberg to release Facebook's internal research on the impact of its platforms on youth mental health, Facebook responded with a six-page letter that omitted the company's studies. Additionally, Facebook told senators that its internal research is "kept confidential to promote frank and open dialogue and brainstorming internally." Have you ever heard a more deceitful and evasive response?

The only way we can beat this system is to refuse to participate in it. That may be asking a lot, since the majority of

our social lives revolve around these applications. But think of it this way: wouldn't it be a small victory to receive the dreaded screen-time notification at the end of the week and not feel intense self-loathing once you realize you spent 8+ hours scrolling on TikTok? Wouldn't it be nice to get that number down so that you can reflect on your day without a blue-light induced migraine? Aren't you a little tired of getting into an argument with an adult, and always hearing "You think that way because of your damned addiction to that phone... It's always that phone... It's melting your brain." Let us attempt to think for ourselves, think without the constant stimulation and constant urge to compare what we're doing, wearing, who we're talking to, and what we're talking about to others.

At the end of the day, what matters is what you accomplished and how you feel, and if you spent the living a flat existence through a two-dimensional screen, what will you have to show for yourself at the end of the week, month, year, or even your time at Trinity? It's early enough in the year to make this a goal for the semester and start now. Social media can feel like an addiction, and quitting cold-turkey could be a difficult task to take on. However, limiting your time spent on your phone bit by bit at a time is a much more attainable way of ensuring usage of these apps does not get to your head too much. Cut that screen time report down by mere minutes each week, and ease yourself off the crutch of comparison that Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, TikTok, and all those other platforms provide.

-KJN

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NEWS

Trinity Reports One COVID Case, Less than Most NESCAC's; Conn. Coll. Highest with 22 Active Cases

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this month, Conn. changed its Dashboard to Alert Level 3-Orange after more than 50 students tested positive the week of Sept. 8. Colby currently has four positive cases in isolation; the College has recorded 22 positive cases since Aug. 16. Additionally, Wesleyan

identified eleven positive cases (ten students, one employee) earlier this week.

NESCAC Institutions with comparably low case counts include Bowdoin and Williams which recently reported one and two cases respectively. Hamilton zero new cases and one active case for the week of Sept. 18; Bates currently

has one active case among employees. Further, Amherst has three active cases – one student and two staff.

The *Tripod* compiled COVID data from all the NESCAC schools to compare the COVID situation at each campus. The compiled data, depicting both the number of active COVID cases and total number of cases over

the fall semester, is shown in the figure below. Tufts University was excluded from analysis due to its significantly larger size compared to the rest of the NESCAC. The case numbers are for students, faculty, and staff.

The data clearly show that Connecticut College has been impacted significantly more than all other NESCAC schools, with a total of 203 cumulative cases since Aug. 23. As of Sept. 20, Conn. Coll. also has the highest number of active cases in the conference with 21.

Bowdoin College has the second highest cumulative case total with 45, though the Polar Bears only have one active case, indicating there was a large outbreak early in the semester that has since been resolved.

Wesleyan University has 38 cumulative cases since Aug. 25, the third highest total in the conference. In addition, they currently have 11 active cases, indicating their cumulative total could grow even further in the coming weeks.

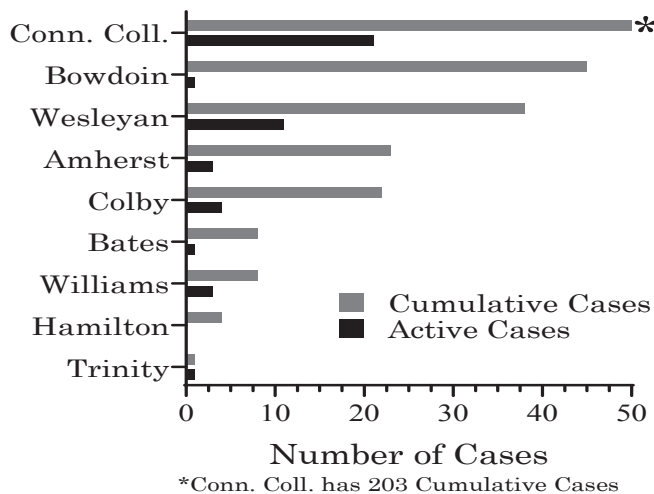
Amherst College and Colby College both have similar case totals. The for

mer has a total of 23 cases, three of which are active as of Sept. 20, while the latter has a total of 22 cases, four of which are active.

Bates College and Williams College both have a cumulative total of eight cases. Bates only has one active case, however Williams has three active, indicating potential for further spread.

Finally, Hamilton College has done extremely well in limiting COVID with only four total cases over the course of the semester so far. Further, they report zero active cases as of Sept. 20, indicating continued success.

It is important, though, to note some limitations of these data. First, each school has its own unique testing program which could affect the number of positive results detected. In addition, schools have all implemented different public health precautions of varying strictness; the differing degrees of severity of these policies could have an effect on COVID transmission as well. A more thorough and systematic approach is needed to warrant stronger conclusions.



Trinity is faring well with respect to COVID when compared to the rest of the NESCAC. With just one active and one cumulative case, Trinity is performing well, though time will tell.

Intercollegiate Update: News on Nearby Campuses

Quinnipiac University	Tufts University	Wesleyan University
A fourth-year entrepreneurship student at Quinnipiac University died in his off-campus home on Sunday, Sept. 19, according to an article in <i>The Quinnipiac Chronicle</i> . Cristian Caameno, a 20 year-old, was found unresponsive when the Hamden Police Department arrived. A preliminary investigation into Caameno's death found that it was an "isolated incident and no foul play is suspected." His body was delivered to the state Office of Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) in Farmington for an autopsy. In the days following his death, Caameno's passing was announced to the Quinnipiac community by School of Business Dean Holly Raider and Vice President and Dean of Students Monique Drucker. "This is a terrible loss for Cristian's family and friends, and for our community," the email read. "We send our deepest condolences to his family, friends and to our community."	Tufts University recently updated its COVID-19 testing policy so that all undergraduate students will now be tested twice per week, according to an article in <i>The Tufts Daily</i> . In an email addressed to the Tufts community, the University's Infection Control Health Center Michael Jordan and Dean of Student Affairs Camille Lizarribar cited a recent increase in cases as the primary motivation for the policy change. Jordan and Lizarribar also cited a recent surge in cases at Duke University and Connecticut College, as well as the highly infectious Delta variant, as key motivations for increased testing. "Even if you are vaccinated, symptoms can be serious, and if you test positive, you will need to-isolate for at least 10 days, which would be both disruptive and stressful for you," said Jordan and Lizarribar. Every individual at Tufts who has tested positive for COVID-19 this semester has been fully vaccinated.	On the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 1, 380 students were displaced by flooding in the basements of Butterfields A, B, and C, as well as residential spaces on the ground floor of Butterfield A. <i>The Wesleyan Argus</i> reported that the flooding, which was the result of heavy rain from the remnants of Hurricane Ida, mainly impacted first-year students during their first night at Wesleyan. Affected students relocated to the Freeman Athletic Center for the remainder of the night. "There was some water that moved into student rooms in some cases," said Director of Construction and Infrastructure Alan Rubacha in an email to the <i>Argus</i> . Butterfield residents evacuated the facilities at 2 a.m. with the Office of Residential Life (ResLife), Public Safety (PSafe), and Facilities staff assisting students and helping secure the premises. An alarm was triggered at 1:38 am, and the water damage caused the fire alarm to sound.

College Campus Safety Report: Sept. 13 - Sept. 20

Monday, Sept. 13
Jackson Hall

Weapon Possession and Liquor Law Violation.
One student received disciplinary referral.

Tuesday, Sept. 14
Jackson Hall

Liquor Law Violation.
Four students received disciplinary referrals.

Wednesday, Sept. 15
Summit Street

Larceny - Theft from Motor Vehicle.
This case remains open.

SGA Hosts Candidate Event; Only One Contested Election

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Trinity College's Student Government Association (SGA) has started collecting names for this year's ballot. Elections will begin Monday, Sept. 20 at 8 A.M. and last until Tuesday, Sept. 21 through a link that will be sent online the morning of Sept. 21. The positions open for this year are the 2025 Class President, and four senators per class year. Despite the number of openings this election, only the Class of 2025 race is contested.

The SGA hosted a "Meet the Candidates" event virtually on Sunday, Sept. 19. SGA President Jederick Estrella moderated the event and allowed each candidate to introduce themselves and share their agendas. Ava Alioto, Sydney Yu, James Maciel, and Momo Djebli, are running positions in the Class of 2025 Senate. In the Class of 2024, Gabi Seguinot, Daniel White, Tony Ortega, and Ayoubha Swaray are running as candidates. The 2023 Senate candidates are Allison Rau and Regan Flynn; Alexis Porto is campaigning for a seat

in the Class of 2022 Senate.

During Sunday night's online event, each candidate answered questions about how they would engage the Trinity community while confronting numerous issues our community still faces. One topic that the candidates touched upon was student engagement. The candidates specifically addressed school spirit and using resources provided by the College. Daniel White '24, who is running for the Class of 2024 Senate, expressed his desire for more student involvement noting that "There are too many resources we are not using." With each candidate detailing a variation of the lack of school engagement, they could all agree that no matter how many students were at Trinity, there is a lack of community engagement.

Many candidates were also very passionate about extending more resources to minorities as well as those within the LGBTQ+ community and beyond. Many of these ideas discussed issues involving the facilities, resources, campus-wide racism, and financial aid. On numerous occasions, the stereotypical

idea of "The Trinity Student" was mentioned; many students expressed a desire for that stereotype to progress and evolve. By providing more resources to those who identify with these minority groups, many candidates felt that this would help these individuals transition into Trinity more easily and feel more welcomed. In a statement to the *Tripod* about her goals on her 2025 Presidential run, Amna Zeb '25 stated, "I am passionate about facilitating the transition of the class of 2025 into the Trinity community by becoming an approachable and trustworthy leader."

For this group of candidates, one thing is clear: it is time for the stereotype of "The Trinity Student" to change. They all believe that the student body needs to evolve into a more inclusive, engaged community that will be accepting of every student no matter their background, race, or gender identity. This year's candidates, as well as the SGA Executive Board, are eager to break down barriers at Trinity by formulating a more inclusive and engaged conception of the Trinity student.

Important Market and Business News for the Week Ahead

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This week, the *Tripod* has included a short recap of noteworthy business and marketing news for the upcoming weeks. Upcoming earnings reports and international news are mentioned.

• Upcoming Federal Reserve meeting will focus on when the Fed will taper its pace of asset purchasing; economists expect the Fed to slow asset purchasing in early Dec., 2021.

• A vote to raise the debt ceiling finance the infrastructure bill is expected to take place in the House of Representatives

• Chinese real estate giant Evergrande is spooking markets considering that it holds over \$300 B of debt and is set to make a \$83.5 M interest payment for Sept. 23, 2021. Evergrande's potential default could send Chinese markets spiraling considering that real estate, a highly

leveraged sector, makes up 28% of the Chinese economy

• Microsoft is set to begin a \$60 B stock buyback, the company's largest ever and signals further growth potential, considering the company's existing large cash holding

• Tension between the U.S and France reached an all-time high following a recent U.S.-Australia \$60 B defense contract for nuclear submarines that excluded France

• Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau of the Liberal Party is up for re-election

• JPMorgan Chase and Visa are updating their banking platforms to capitalize on the fee opportunity presented by stable coins such as Bitcoin and Ethereum cryptocurrencies.

• Upcoming Earnings Reports: FedEx, Nike, Costco, Aurora Cannabis

Isolation Housing Off-Campus This Semester; Mask-Wearing Compliance a Priority for Trin

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additional capacity to engage with members of our community and remind them of our mask wearing policy which is also a mandate by the City of Hartford." When asked how the College would be measuring the efficacy of these policy changes aimed at increasing mask compliance, Rojas responded that given the strong mask compliance in the classroom environment, the College "will continue to focus on settings where there is less direct supervision."

Originally, fully vaccinated students who tested positive on campus would be required to wear masks for ten days, though already a requirement, as well as "receive an additional medical evaluation" from the Health Center to determine whether quarantine or isolation is necessary. Following an in-

quiry into this policy, Trinity's healthcare advisors recommended an adjustment in protocol. Now, "all vaccinated students who test positive via our testing program will receive a medical evaluation and will be placed in isolation for 10 days." Regardless of vaccination status or medical status, any student who tests positive for COVID-19 will be quarantined. In response to this change in policy, a member of the class of 2024 stated, "This updated Testing, Isolation, and Quarantine policy makes a lot more sense. I did not agree with the one from before."

The College reasoned that because all students were required to demonstrate a negative PCR test within 72 hours of move-in, as well as be symptom free for 90 days prior to move-in, any new positive test results must be treated as "a valid

positive indicating illness and requiring isolation."

The College also provided additional information on this semester's isolation housing, explaining that students in off-campus isolation housing "will receive meal delivery and support" similar to last year's practice. Unlike last year, Trinity will no longer use residence halls like Doonesbury as isolation facilities. Instead, Rojas clarified, several college-owned facilities near campus will be used for isolation housing, in addition to some facilities near campus that the College is renting. In addition, Rojas indicated that Trinity has looked into the possibility of using local hotels for extra isolation housing should a substantial rise in cases occur – a practice other NESCAC schools have resorted to as of late.

Pandemic Finances and Financial Aid

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Due to the pandemic, many families have experienced shifts in their financial status from 2019 to 2020 to 2021. Because documents on financial status used to determine financial aid come from previous years, there may be a mismatch between what a college thinks a student's family can pay and what they can actually afford.

The FASFA is used to determine a family's ability to pay for college, but because the 2020 to 2021 academic year uses 2019 tax reports for this information, these reports may not reflect a student's current need. Some students have expressed that due to this mismatch of tax reports and the ability to pay, they felt that they had been "screwed over" in their financial aid package. More broadly, high levels of students from lower socioeconomic backgrounds dropped out of college during

the pandemic, according to the *Washington Post*.

Trinity College prides its financial program as, "need-based" meaning that all students will receive enough financial aid to pay for their education. Under Trinity's Financial Aid policy, "Trinity is committed to meeting 100% of the calculated need of all admitted students who request financial assistance at the time of admission, meet annual filing deadlines, and maintain satisfactory academic progress while enrolled at the College." Trinity College allows its students to appeal their financial aid packages if they feel as if it does not match their family's ability to pay through meeting with a financial aid officer. Trinity's tuition increased by 3.75% from 2020 to 2021, but it is not clear that this was due to the impact of the pandemic. Only time will tell how the pandemic will affect student financial aid down the road.

OPINION

Why Drug Side Effects Shouldn't Be Public Knowledge

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The world of pharmaceuticals eludes us; it always has and probably always will. We are often left in the dust, incapable of understanding the rapid proliferation of new drug names and the exponential increase in prices following new developments. While there are many needed discussions that revolve around pharmaceuticals such as price, use of animals in testing, and the large role Big Pharma has in our economy, today I instead want to discuss something that goes under the radar: non-specific drug effects. More specifically, nonspecific effects regarding disclosure of side effect symptoms.

The rapid speech at the end of the drug commercial, spoken with such enunciation yet seemingly murmured at the same time due only to the pace of the words, has become a hallmark of drug advertising. Of course, companies would like to exclude information about potentially harmful (or even lethal) side effects, but FDA regulation requires disclosure of such things to the public. While this might

seem like a win on the side of the public, is it actually? On the positive side, we are hearing about the potential harm to be endured when we sign on to a new pharmaceutical regimen, but it is in the functioning of our own brains that the

ing the side effects of the drug. As a matter of fact, in trials where a control group receives a placebo, negative side effects are often reported to a greater degree than the experimental group. In addition, anti-anxiety drugs have

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disclosure of side effects might actually cause us more harm. This factor lies under a blanket term regarding all reactions to a drug not biologically engineered known as nonspecific drug effects.

More specifically, all phenomena illustrating anxiety that is expectation-induced is referred to as the “nocebo” effect. When we hear the list of potential side effects, most of us compile a plethora of negative expectations with the use of a drug. These expectations can induce anxiety in treatment creating a hyperbolic inner state wherein your expectations are producing the biological effects mimick-

been proven to reduce the side effects reported by the control group. Expectation-induced anxiety from hearing a list of intimidating side effects can, therefore, be more harmful to the human body than the drug itself.

Due to the implication of nocebo on the human body, I believe drug companies should no longer be required to publicize lists of side effects in their advertising campaigns. Drug companies should not, however, be able to forgo disclosing the drug's side effects entirely but should instead publish a list of potential side effects on a more private forum. This forum could be only

accessible by prescribing physicians who could keep up with their patients and document whether the symptoms the patient is presenting are in line with the side effects of the drug or not. By removing side effects from widely publicized advertising campaigns, the public can no longer be expected to develop expectation-induced anxiety when taking a new medication which should in turn more fairly and accurately demonstrate the efficacy and therapeutic index of pharmaceuticals.

Even though this privatization of drug information would help with nocebo effects, it is still a leap of faith in our relationship with the pharmaceutical and medical occupation-

up with patients in order to assess their symptoms and whether the new medication poses a potential danger to them.

While the FDA could relatively easily require such submission from pharmaceutical companies, they could never ensure that physicians are continually checking up on their patients in order to assess their symptoms while taking the drug. Frankly, we should never expect all physicians to show this level of care. Our medical world is a fast-paced one, prioritizing the quantity of patients over the quality of care. If we do proceed down the road of eliminating public disclosure of side effects, which I believe we should,

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al sphere. We must trust pharmaceutical companies to publish the side effect information for prescribers to see. We must trust prescribers to routinely check

we must be the arbiters of our own health and lobby with our respective physicians for the attention and care we deserve.

The Case Against Our Library's Electrionic Stapler

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Up until Friday night, I have struggled to describe my feelings towards the library's electric stapler. As I waited for my political science readings to finish printing, the girl who used the printer before me asked a question that has long haunted my mind:

“Is there any other stapler besides that electric one?”

I answered, “No, I think it's just that one and it's pretty shitty.”

“Its reason to exist is nothing more than to signal that we are living in the future with all this great technology.”

Then, with the utmost confidence she said, “oh yeah, it's barbaric.” Any one who has used the library's electric stapler will understand this feeling.

The electric stapler represents the very worst of

innovation. The inventors of dynamite, the machine gun, and the atomic bomb all at least tried to make something so awful as to discourage war, according to my high school history teacher, but the electric stapler has no such good intentions. Its reason to exist is nothing more than to signal that we are living in the future with all this great technology.

If you are unconvinced let me ask you this: what does the electric stapler do better than a regular stapler? Innovation has

against the desk, lined the stapler up with the desirable position and squeezed. Done.

Now using the electric stapler:

I took my political science reading, squared it against the counter, and put it into the electric stapler. Done. Or not exactly because the depth was set too far in and now you can't read a large part of the top-left. Ok, take the staple out, change the depth, put the packet in and now it's too close to the corner. Take the staple out, change the depth slightly this time, put the packet in, and it's not perfect but the bar is on the ground now. That was only the first packet.

The electric stapler removes all control from the user in order to make the process of stapling fractions of a second faster. As soon as the paper hits a switch, the electric stapler fires away, and with a clunky depth setter, it is impossible to get the

desired result unlike the simple grace of the traditional option. This constant readjusting causes you to dig the staples out with your nails, making

Most damning of all, the electric stapler has completely taken away the joys of a simple task. Gone is the satisfying feedback from pressing

“Most damning of all, the electric stapler has completely taken away the joys of a simple task.”

more work for the user.

The electric stapler not only fails at improving the job of stapling, but makes it even worse. Like so many innovations nowadays there is an unnecessary sacrificing of the useful: iPhones without headphone jacks, laptops lacking disk drives. The electric stapler has no method to influence the way the staple folds, or at least no apparent method. While on a regular stapler, one need simply push up and spin the metal face to cause the staples to fold outwards rather than inwards, making for an easier removal. Ironically this would be very convenient for the electric stapler.

a stapler down. No longer can one play with the spring hidden in its reload mechanism. In an age surrounded by screens and convenience the stapler was a reminder that not everything need be improved, that some things are perfectly fine the way they are.

Our library's barbaric electric stapler needs to be replaced with a simple plain stapler. A regular stapler doesn't need to be anchored by chain and cord across the room from the printer, a regular stapler doesn't need a sign to identify itself. The electric stapler is shitty—out with the new, in with the old.

Though it's Hard, Do Everything You Can to Avoid Procrastination — Your Future Self Will Thank You

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As we get into the stride of the new semester, many of us will quickly find ourselves with essays, projects, and all manner of assignments due. Some students may have taken courses or conducted research over the summer, but for the majority of us, it has been a few months since we have done significant amounts of academic work. Naturally, it may take a little while to adjust to the return to academic rigor. While that adjustment is taking place, there is one thing all students should consider: procrastination and how to avoid it.

Procrastination may seem like a relatively minor problem on its face. We all agree that it is something we should not do, but we often do not see the full impacts that procrastination can have on us and our work. The most significant impact of procrastination is that it often reduces the quality of our work because it forces us to complete work in a short period, an often inefficient and ineffective way of completing assignments. Though some people work well under pressure, this is not true for everyone. Condensing an assignment significantly by rushing through it in a short period may not yield optimal results. You need time to be able to focus on the work and go through the assignment properly. Procrastination takes an assignment — possibly one designed to be completed in several steps or parts, spread out over a long period — and forces you to complete said

assignment with much less available time. Even if the assignment is meant to be done in one sitting or a shorter period, such as a problem set, doing it with a looming deadline and the lack of surety about whether you will be able to finish in time may lead to high stress levels and, consequently, lower-quality work.

Procrastination is extremely common, especially among college students. A 2007 meta-analysis by a psychologist at the University of Calgary found that between 80-95% of college students procrastinate. Given that this was before most students had smartphones, it is probable that this number is even higher now. Most of us have been procrastinators at one point or another, and many of us are at risk of falling into that trap again. Considering how many distractions constantly surround us, it is difficult not to procrastinate — and it is easy to understand why we do. However, despite the commonality of this behavior, it is one that we should try to reject.

Imagine that you are in the following scenario: it is 8 p.m., and you have a five-page paper due at midnight that you have not started. It was brought up in class two weeks ago, and you told yourself that you would do it that weekend, but you ended up spending a few hours watching TV and never got around to it. You continued to delay starting; maybe you wrote down a few brief ideas or entirely forgot about the paper. Either way, you are now sitting here with mere hours to skim through relevant course readings and

the first few Google Scholar results, then write an entire paper. The feelings that begin to set in at this point are generally not pleasant ones. Maybe it is panic or maybe it is regret over not having done the work earlier. Whatever it is, know that you can avoid that. Think about your future self, the person in that situation. Certainly, you would want to avoid doing that to yourself, placing yourself in that situation? You will need to write those five pages eventually, but you have control over when you choose to write these pages. Doing so sooner rather than later is nearly always the right solution.

I am not saying that one should always attempt to speed through their work the second it is assigned, as failing to take the time to plan out a large assignment properly will negatively impact the quality of your work regardless of when you complete said work. The key is having a measured approach to work, taking the time you need to complete an assignment effectively and efficiently while avoiding rushing through work the second you receive it and delaying to the point where you have no option but to rush. Whether this involves a planning stage or simply taking time to digest a prompt for a paper, you will generally produce your best work when you treat a large assignment as something that can be broken down and completed at a steady pace.

There may not be a single infallible way to ensure that you never procrastinate again. Still, there are

certain strategies that you can use to minimize and possibly even eliminate procrastination. Consider again the aforementioned scenario and the fact that you are effectively giving your future self a gift by doing the work you need to do now, instead of pushing it off until later. If you are working on a larger assignment that could be

to work. Something as simple as leaving your phone somewhere that requires you to get up and retrieve it, instead of leaving it in your pocket or next to you on your desk, could help cut down on unnecessary pickups. Most phones have some sort of do-not-disturb feature, which can help you avoid checking your phone

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broken into several parts, try to come up with a schedule. For instance, you can break down a project into stages and assign a deadline for each of them. Sticking to something like this may be difficult, but doing so will ensure that you do not end up having to tackle a behemoth while in a severe time crunch. Perhaps, if you successfully reach your goals, you can give yourself some sort of reward.

Reducing distractions would likely be one of the most effective strategies for any college student seeking to limit procrastination. There are countless things that can pull our attention away from work, and it can be difficult to resume working. Undoubtedly the biggest distraction is our phones. It is so easy to pick up your phone and open TikTok or Instagram, then spend an hour scrolling without even realizing how much time has elapsed. Luckily, there are quite a few ways of reducing phone usage while you are trying

every time you receive a notification if you have a habit of doing that. There are also apps such as Forest, which allows you to grow trees in a gamified manner. You can set a timer while “growing” a tree that prevents you from leaving the app, lest your in-app tree dies.

Effectively curbing procrastination and developing proper time management with assignments is difficult; it takes time to form good habits, which is true of any skill. However, it is undoubtedly something worth doing. Learning how to combat and avoid procrastination will benefit you through the rest of your college experience, as well as in at work or in any further educational endeavors you pursue in the future.

Procrastination can be hard to avoid, but it is important to recognize its detrimental effects and consider the various strategies you can use to avoid it. So do yourself a favor, and don't procrastinate. Your future self will thank you.

Kidding Not Kidding: Full Head Mask Now Mandated at Brown Univ. after Trinity Alum's Comments [Satire]

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Sept 15, 2021 (PROVIDENCE): All 6,792 students at Brown University were sent scurrying in different directions on the 146-acre Ivy League campus moments after cable news commentator Tucker Carlson '91 criticized the school's extreme COVID policy on his controversial nightly political commentary show.

Witnesses described panicked, double-masked

students holding their hands over their ears repeating “I can't hear you!” and “La La La La I'm not listening! I'm not listening!” as they ran towards designated campus Safe Spaces where they assumed the fetal position in a spa-like atmosphere. The following day, Brown students uttered a collective sigh of relief when new full head coverings were distributed to all students that cover the mouth, nose, eyes and ears. The

masks are claimed to be 100% effective at shielding the wearer from any “unwanted, unapproved or unpopular speech.”

A gift of trustee emeritus and major donor Martin J. Offgran, the Brown Full Head Mask was first introduced to a select portion of the student body one month ago at a lavish school-sponsored “Offgran Dinner” held in honor of the undergraduates considered the best, brightest & most likely to have a build-

ing named after them.

Initially, students at Brown were outraged that full head masks (now known on campus as “Carlson Masks”) were only distributed to Brown's elite, but the delay was actually because the circumference of the average Brown student's head was found to be too inflated to fit inside a normal mask.

Several administrators were asked to comment, but could not be understood over the phone.



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New full-head mask at Brown makes double-mask-ing obsolete.

FEATURES

The Met Gala: Looks from “American Independence”

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On Monday, Sept. 13, the Met Gala was held at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. An event that is equivalent in publicity and sheer glamour to the Oscars, the Met Gala is a place where the fashion industry shines. Designers, models, and stars flaunt their fashion and perhaps political statements on the red carpet, all while fighting to get the most media coverage. This event also raises money for the Costume Institute. For this event, everyone is encouraged to dress according to the theme.

Head Curator of the Met's Costume Institute Andrew Bolton was inspired by the social and political change that we have seen across the country over the past several years. Because of this changing political landscape, Bolton decided it was time to re-examine the American identity through fashion.

Thinking about themes of diversity, inclusion, and sustainability, Bolton was excited to witness what designers came up with in order to adhere to the official theme of the Met Gala: American independence. Although there was a multitude of other profound and creative looks from the renowned event, *The Tripod* decided to select three influential outfits that received a positive public response to review for your entertainment. We will be looking at the outfits worn by U.S. Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez; model, actress, and entrepreneur Iman Abdulmajid; as well as public figure Kim Kardashian.



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Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

U.S. Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez seamlessly walked up the red carpet in a gorgeous and elegant white gown with the words “Tax the Rich” etched across her back. At an event surrounded by millionaires and billionaires, the dress was certainly deemed controversial in seconds.

Aurora James, a black woman and immigrant designer who first began her fashion career selling garments at a Brooklyn flea market, was the designer of Ocasio-Cortez's dress. James wanted to go against the grain when designing the outfit, as she did not want to dress Ocasio-Cortez in a predictable, traditional suit. The gown was intended to symbolize evolution. The democratic-socialist was described as excited to keep working toward a future of sustainability, inclusion, and empowerment, using a bold fashion statement to start the conversation. Ocasio-Cortez said the middle and working class are having conversations on the Senate floor regarding a fair tax code, when in reality, it is time all classes are brought into the conversation.



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Iman Abdulmajid

Somali-American fashion model, actress, entrepreneur, and widow to the late musician David Bowie Iman Abdulmajid wore perhaps the most intricate, bold, and lovely piece at the Met Gala. Dressed to emulate the appearance of an angel, Abdulmajid glowed in a bright gold and silver brocade jumpsuit. Over the jumpsuit, the fashion model wore a feathered overskirt and a matching feathered head piece adorned with flecks of gold. The piece was brilliantly put together by the Italian Dolce & Gabbana and British-American designer Harris Reed. Between hand-tacking, gluing, hand-embellishing, gold-leafing, and fitting, assembling this outfit took the designers a total of 400 hours. The outfit was perfect for the occasion, as the theme of the evening for Abdulmajid was hope and light, and that is just what her outfit portrayed. The audience was stunned overall, especially by the way the designers were able to modernize a look that was derived inspired by 18th-century styles and art. Abdulmajid carried both the dress and herself in an utterly angelic and elegant manner.



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Kim Kardashian West

Kim Kardashian West may have worn the most controversial outfit of the night. While the theme of the night was American Independence, some critics thought the cloth covering her entire body was emblematic of oppression. Burkas are typically seen as a way to maintain anonymity and have been considered by some as a direct threat to independence, particularly in the United States. The outfit's message was ambiguous, and many are still trying to decipher exactly how her outfit related to the theme of American independence and identity. Kardashian West's look was designed by Demna Gvasalia. In a recent Instagram post, Kardashian-West indicated that she did keep with the Met Gala's theme, as she said, “What's more American than a T-shirt head to toe?!” Although there were many mixed reactions to this particular outfit, Kardashian-West still managed to shock the audience and keep us all guessing. If Kardashian-West and her team's intent was to stand out and keep people talking, then their mission was certainly successful.

Do-It Day: A Yearly Success for Trinity Volunteers

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Consistently, for over twenty years, Trinity College's Director of the Office of Community Service and Civic Engagement Joe Barber has hosted an annual day of community wide service coined Do-It Day. Last fall however, faced with COVID-19 restrictions, Barber had no choice but to put the program on hold.

On Saturday, Sept. 11, with restrictions constantly changing, Do-It Day was once again possible. Still faced with the challenges of living in a pandemic, the program, which usually tackles around twenty worksites, was scaled back to sixteen sites. Still, hundreds of Trinity students were able to participate in serving the greater Hartford community. On Do-It Day, a team or large group of students and staff is assigned to one site and will volunteer there for the afternoon. There is a wide range of service activities, including cleaning up local parks and fields, mentoring young Hartford students, gardening, helping local food pantries, just to name a few. The event has created many strong relationships between Trinity College and local organi-

zations and community members over the years.

Although the Trinity community was able to remain involved in the service day, Barber added that "some partners just weren't ready to take volunteers and we understand that." With limited work opportunities, he unfortunately had to turn down several volunteers. Barber, who spends several months in the summer planning the event and working to find partners, has had to turn down workers before due to the enthusiasm for the Do-It Day event shown by Trinity students.

The program is meant to be a beneficial partnership for both Trinity students and the worksites and local organizations which they visit, Barber shared. "We aren't here to force ourselves on anyone. If a site does not have enough work to take volunteers one year, the opportunity to do so will be available for us in the next year."

When Do-It Day was in its earlier stages years ago, Barber had over 700 student volunteers looking to help around Hartford. By 2015, the Do-It Day program was altered to take a new form as a partnership solely between the Trinity College athletic teams and

P.R.I.D.E. (Promoting Respect for Inclusive Diversity in Education) leaders.

"It became a lot to manage, and we just couldn't get work for everyone," Barber shared. "It is a good team bonding experience, and the teams are really great about showing up."

Student-athlete Maura Keary '22, a senior on the softball team, volunteered at Hyland Park. Located right down the street from campus, the team worked together to clean two baseball fields, as well as scale back plant overgrowth surrounding batting cages.

"We are so lucky to have such nice facilities and

the kids that play at these fields are our neighbors. It was a great feeling to team up and help out the surrounding community," Keary shared. "We love to see the youth of Hartford participating in and playing sports, so our entire team really enjoyed volunteering at the park," she added.

Most job sites were outdoors, allowing for participants to follow COVID-19 restrictions with greater ease and for sites to take as many workers as possible. While many helped with outdoor clean up, others went on hikes with or mentored youth groups, assisted in homeless shel-

ters, or worked in gardens.

Barber, with the participation of coaches, community organizations, and his student team, matches teams based on how much help and what kind of work is needed. "The women's squash team, for example, always helps out at Cinestudio," Barber said. Barber emphasized that students form strong, long-term, and long-lasting connections with the communities they work with during their Do-It Day experiences. Overall, Trinity's Do-It Day has once again proven to be a successful endeavor.



Photo Courtesy of Alex Chambers '22

The Women's Softball Team participated in Do-It Day activities at Hyland Park.

A Series of Female Revolutionaries: Anna Wintour

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If you've seen the notorious 2006 film *The Devil Wears Prada*, read *Vogue* Magazine, or looked at photos from the Met Gala, then you, too, have been influenced by Anna Wintour. Known to be one of the most influential and illustrious names in fashion, Wintour dictates pretty much every move the fashion industry makes.

Since her first edition at *Vogue*, Wintour has challenged the standard of beauty for women, her first cover of an ensemble of Guess Jeans and a bejeweled Christian Lacroix, contrary to the colored dresses and ball gowns that usually lined newsstand magazines. Many thought this was a mistake; the printers even returned the files back to the desk assuming an error had been made. But Wintour insisted, and subscription rates, advertisement requests, and the sheer page count of the is-

ssues soared. For example, The September 2012 issue ran for an astounding 914 pages. Additionally, she pioneered the use of public figures from outside of fashion to the front cover, drawing politicians, athletes, and celebrities.

As avid fans of *The Devil Wears Prada* will tell you, Meryl Streep's character Miranda Priestly is based on Anna Wintour. While her defining characteristics are her somewhat irrationally cold demeanor and hard exterior, Priestly's most notable asset to me is that people across the globe listen to her. Her opinion about designers, trends, colors, and even choice of belt has more weight than almost any other person in the industry. For *Vogue*, their esteemed editor-in-chief is no different. Wintour seemingly hand-picks the next "it" designer due to her prestige and respect within the fashion community. She also has changed the definition of an icon,

rotating through many beginning designers in order to give them a chance to put their name on the map. "Despite her famously public steely persona, Anna has always been hugely encouraging to young people in the industry, particularly stylist Alex Longmore. "She is interested in people's careers well beneath her own," WGSN's Muston agrees, adding, "Much is made of the negativity surrounding her uncompromising work ethic, but she is actually incredibly nurturing of young creatives, ensuring they have the platform to succeed."

In addition to being chairmen of *Vogue*, Wintour, is a trustee of the New York Metropolitan Museum, and consequently has an enormous say in the infamous Met Gala event that occurs every year. Spearheaded by Wintour, this event draws guests from across the globe to celebrate the opening of the museum's annual cos-

tume exhibit. All guests dress according to the theme of the exhibition, ensuring that each and every outfit to walk the red carpet is approved by Wintour. In 2014, the costume department was renamed in honor of the work of Wintour to the Anna Wintour Costume Institute.

Anna Wintour continues to be one of the most compelling voices in the fashion industry, but has spoken out about how sexism has impacted her career. Her presence in a room as

an aggressor, she explains, is in part due to the stereotypes of women being in a role of control. "It's not so much about powerful women," she said in a *Forbes* Magazine interview, "In some cases, there are stereotypes about women. I often don't hear men talk about in the same way."

Despite this, she continues to unapologetically dominate the field, while also showing interest in aspiring artists and creators below her; the ultimate sign of a revolutionary woman.



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Arts & Entertainment

“Bleakest Dawns” by Hanifa Darwish ’22: Hope for Kabul

In the core of South-Central Asia
Beats the heart of a people
Seventy-one percent
Under the age of twenty-five
Born and raised in war
I lost friends, I saw fire
I saw homes fall apart
But I never lost hope
I have seen many new bleak dawns
But there was always a brink of
light
Shining at the end of the dusky
nights.

A week before Kabul fell to the Taliban,
My friend and I explored a town
‘Manchester by the sea.’
We went to the ‘Singing’ beach
For a fat three to four hours,
We sat on a rock in front of the ocean
Talking about the definition of
“home”
I asked him if “home” meant
The physical space or the people in it
He turned around, with a broken
voice
He said, both.

I stared at him in an utter awe
He continued talking about Kabul
He took his leather wallet out of his
pocket
Handed it over to me, to smell it
He thought that was an aroma from
“home”
Seeing his wallet
Took me to a scorching summer
Midday in two thousand eighteen
My sister and I were shopping for
me

My flight was in a week
We went to our favorite vintage boutique
I needed a piece of “home” to take with me
What is finer than a handmade leather
wallet?

Back to Manchester,
I showed him my wallet
Nay, both were from
The same relic vintage store in Kabul
Both of us were so utterly happy
To have found someone who recognizes
What it feels to be away from “home”
Continued chatting- “when I return...”
We had no idea what was to come
In the span of days,
Everything would upturn.

Five days after the Manchester venture
I was in the train station in Hartford
I had just read the news about the falling of
Mazar
I knew I had to plan for the worst
I knew after the falling of Mazar, Herat,
Ghazni, etc
Taking Kabul was a facile victory to the
Taliban
Texted my friend to check on him
With a broken heart,
he said,
“It is gone. Everything is over!”

I don’t remember how I got to Princeton
I remember a woman asking me if I was
okay
But the rest is ill-lit
I have heard that when tidal waves hit,
People watch from the shore
To see the disaster coming,
See the horizon disappearing
They don’t really see until it is too late

We didn’t see the fall of Kabul coming.
Even in the train station,
I had hope for Kabul.

The next day, I was in Princeton
To meet a friend and my host family
I was with them, but I was not
That night and the nights to follow
Were ghastly agonizing
Kabul fell to the Taliban that night.
Taliban and their ilk
Inflicting pain and suffering
Without compunction
They wreak generations of trauma
If I told of the grotesque crimes
Committed in the idyllic little town
Where I grew up,
All kindred souls would be lying on the floor
Huddled in the fetal position
Weeping like frightened toddlers.

I read an article about disaster ethics
When the unimaginable happens
What people would do
Preparing them for bombshells
But it is imperfect
While it is good to plan for the worst
You can’t really know how you will handle it
Until you are smack dab in the middle of it,
Under the wave, trying not to drown.

It seems like an unending torrent
A tsunami puzzled in circles.
Strangely,
Wouldn’t break-off at “home”
For some of us,
The world is bleak and cold now
Will it be warm and broad one day?
And include everyone under the sun?



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Darwish's poem reflects the current state of affairs in Afghanistan with the Taliban taking control of the country. Darwish wanted to raise awareness with her poem and personal experience as a native of Afghanistan. After capturing Kabul on August 15, 2021, the Taliban completed a rapid advance across the country following the United States' withdrawal of militant powers that had been stationed there since 2001. The conflict has resulted in the death of tens of thousands of people and the displacement of millions. The Taliban's plans to govern Afghanistan remain unclear at the present moment, and millions of lives within the country will depend on how the Taliban chooses to govern Afghanistan.

Weekly Skylights: The *Tripod* Looks to the Clouds

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September 13, 2021. 7.7/10.

(Left) They stood on the edge of the lake, the two of them, skipping stones. She was in the process of finding a suitable one when he handed a stone to her. "This'll go to the other side," he said, "I found a bunch in this little crevice, or is it crevasse." He shrugged and went back to sifting through a jumble of rocks, crouched on his feet. She gripped the stone and flipped it a few times in her palm. It was smooth, and flat, and the edges curved to meet one another evenly. She kicked her knee up and let the disc fly from her fingertips. One, two, threefourfivesxvvn dips in the water and then near-infinite splashes in the moment before the stone dropped below the surface

(Right) He saw from low on the ground and whistled through his teeth, and said "one day we're going to run out of rocks, and then people will look at the island in the middle of the lake and wonder how it got there. They'll think they missed some kind of eruption." She put a hand on her shoulder and stretched out her throwing arm, slowly, in wide circles. "If my arm isn't gone, maybe," she said, and then smiled, "but then maybe I'd just have to use my left. And then they'll wonder if there didn't used to be a lake here at all."



September 13, 2021 (minutes later). 8.9/10.



September 14, 2021. 6.8/10.

(Left) The fog came overnight. In the morning the city populace assumed they had woken up early. The sky was as dark as night, and the stars, which were normally visible even through the industrial haze, just slightly, were absent. The mayor called an emergency meeting of the city council. The council members came as fast as they could, which ultimately was rather slow because they kept bumping into street signs and walls on the way to the mayor's house. The mayor was furious. "Explain this!" he shouted. "I want to know who's responsible!" The city librarian, who was the de facto expert in these things, pushed his wire frames further up on his nose. He explained, "ahum, Sir, there's uh, clearly been some sort of atmospheric anomaly which would explain the fog and therefore the uh howdoyousay impenetrable darkness."

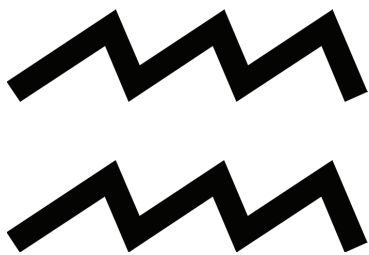
(Right) "And" said the mayor, now pacing around the room and waving his hands as if strangling an invisible bird. "How is that supposed to fix anything? The people expect me to deal with this, you know. It's a crisis. Anyone, any solutions?" Now the city clerk, being one of the shrewder members of the council, made a suggestion. "Well, Mr. Mayor, what if the fog wasn't a crisis at all? In fact, what if it was just the opposite. Imagine we tell the populace the city has elected to skip, what is it, Thursday? We say the day's already gone, it's Thursday night. Bureaucratic, yes, but preferable to inexplicable phenomena. And no one blames you, Sir. They didn't have to work today, after all." The mayor held his hand on his chin and considered the ploy. "Very well," he said after some pause, "but while we're at it let's rig some voting machines." And so it came to pass that the citizenry had been granted a temporal holiday, and crowds cheered for the ingenuity and thoughtfulness of their mayor, who just so happened to win in a landslide next election.



September 18, 2021. 7.0/10.

Bits & Pieces

Fall Horoscopes for Fiesty First-Year Friends and Foes



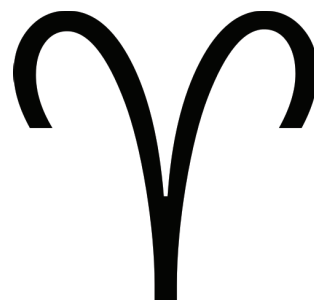
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

No more Svedka! This isn't high school!
Blue Raz is not for the liver.



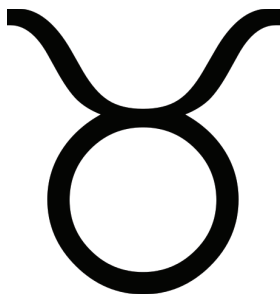
Pisces (Feb. 20- Mar. 20)

You are going to get addicted to
ritalin.



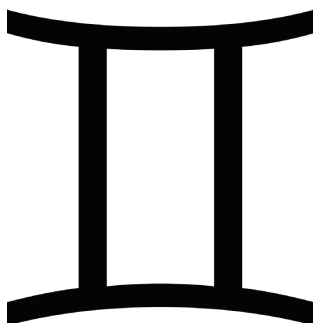
Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)

You are not John Belushi. Take off that
crewneck.



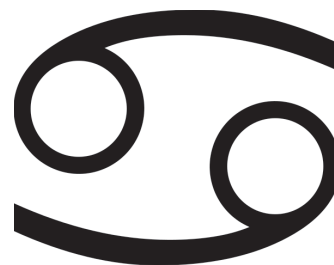
Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20)

Spend September ID hopping around
WeHa to figure out where being 18 from
Massachusetts passes for 23 from Delaware.



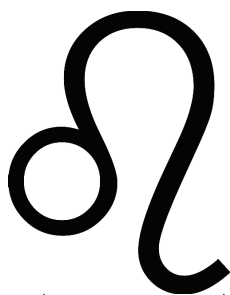
Gemini (May. 21-June 20)

Don't say you're making it to
Sunday brunch. No one believes
you.



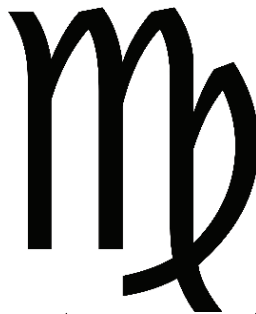
Cancer (June 21- July 22)

Crying three times because you're
homesick isn't an excuse to drop out. At
least wait for homecoming.



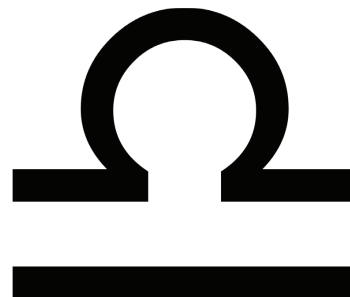
Leo (July 23- Aug. 19)

Smoking cigarettes when you're drunk
in a musty basement is going to get old so
much faster than you think



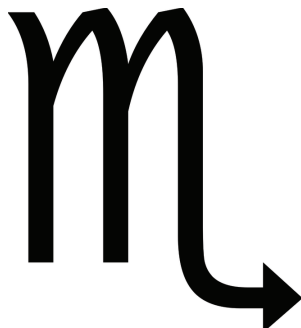
Virgo (Aug. 23- Sept. 22)

Your innate organizational skills can
only work so well, let's not get *too* sylly this
week.



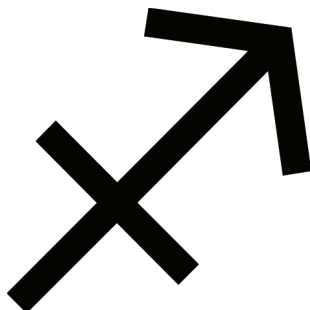
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Use your social charm for free booze and
making friends that won't last 'til Halloween.



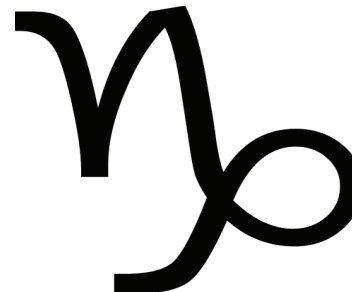
Scorpio (Oct. 23- Nov. 21)

Your uninhibited sexual energy could send
you running to the Health Center. Wrap it up!



Sagittarius (Nov. 22- Dec. 21)

Make a name for yourself and order a
glass of milk at Peter B's. Loudly.



Capricorn (Dec. 22- Jan. 19)

Ask an upperclassman where Trin Res
is. Follow-up by asking them to take you to
Goldbergs.

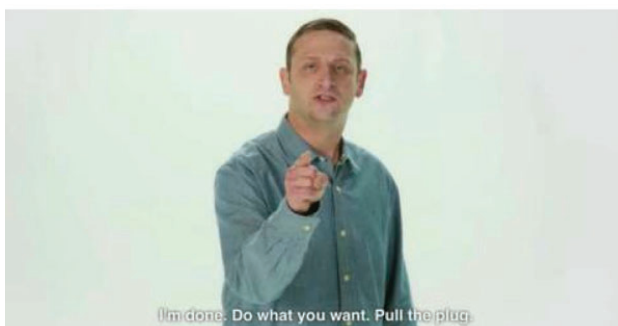
Trinity College Memes for Toxic Long Walk Teens



able to welcome you to their spaces. However, This weekend, the Greek houses are not open for campus wide social gatherings. Additionally, when they do



The cave doesn't open until 8pm



Overheard at Trin: Yik Yak Edition

"We're all dogs in God's hot car."

"I miss being able to tongue kiss every Mather employee the European way."

"Campo found the piss drawer."

"The Hall has Britney Spears locked in the tower."

"Dean Joe ate Kathryn Wojcik."



Trinity College Expands Study Abroad Program to Include New Destination: Nantucket, Massachusetts

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In an exciting reveal, the Office of Study Away announced a new addition to their existing study abroad locations: the small island of Nantucket, Massachusetts. As of now, Trinity hosts its own study away programs in Rome, Cape Town, Shanghai, Vienna and New York City. Other popular external programs include Paris, France and Barcelona, Spain. Following the difficulties presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, the College sought a new way to enhance students' learning outside of the Hartford campus.

"We considered hosting a program in West Hartford or Greenwich, but it was impossible to pass up the opportunity to put our students on a small island off the coast of Massachusetts. Given our large population of kiddos from "Just Outside of Boston," we wanted to make it as easy as possible for students to pretend to get away from home," said an anonymous representative from the Office of Study Away. Despite offers from universities in Amsterdam, Copenhagen,

and Lagos, a study abroad experience inside of New England ultimately prevailed. Working off of the success of the New York City program, the College hoped to expand into another program that's less than four hours away from the city of Hartford.

Trinity College students have made it clear that leaving the North Eastern part of the country would cause them too much anxiety. "If they don't have chubbies there, what's the point of going?" said an anonymous member of AD when pressed about existing study away programs. The Nantucket program is anticipated to be a great success among the Vernon Street and Allen Place crowds as it offers the comfort of Trinity's wealth and status without the fear of running into someone who do not perfectly remember their own phenotype.

Professors have expressed concerns about Trinity students going missing, saying that, "Literally everyone on that island looks the same. If I take my class on a field trip to Cisco, how am I supposed to tell my Emmas, Hannahs, and Olivias from the Emmas, Hannahs, and Olivias who are

visiting from Middlebury?" President Berger-Sweeney was quick to calm these nerves by reminding professors that the strong Chads and Brads of Trinity would never let a gaggle of blondes face a Natalie Holloway-esque fate.

While living on Nantucket, students will work to attune the skills they've already developed through their liberal arts education. English classes will cover books such as *True Prep* and *The Great Gatsby*, with grammar classes to help out students who don't know that "Summer" is actually a verb. Film classes will cover appropriate and relevant classics like *The Great Gatsby*, *The Wolf of Wall Street*, and *Jaws*. Students are permitted, but not encouraged, to continue studying their non-English language elective(s.)

Most hotly anticipated are the outdoors classes offered by the Trin-Tucket program. Students will have the opportunity to learn how to deep sea fish, tie sailing knots, and brew their own lagers. After all, who doesn't want to catch a fish with Dean Joe?

Trinity College could even see a profit from this expansion with the pro-

duction and sales of the Trinity student-made beer. Bottles will be repackaged and mailed back for sale by Tony from H&L. Students currently on-campus in Hartford will be encouraged to support the local economy and buy their own peers' brews.

Should the Nantucket

program succeed, the College may seek to expand Study Away into a larger, more comprehensive program. Though no locations have been officially confirmed, the *Tripod* has heard whispers of West Palm Beach, Martha's Vineyard, or Montauk as potential destinations.



An unreleased image from the port of Harwich, Massachusetts. Students will take a ferry, emblazoned with the Bantam logo on it, to their destination in an exciting change from a Mercedes to the common man's boat.

Thesis advisors and their advisees at lunch (colorized, 2021)



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Mather Dining Hall to Adopt New BYOB Policy in Wake of Recent Trinity Restaurant Closure

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A few steps down from Summit Street lies a casket in the shape of a restaurant. Trinity Restaurant, affectionately named "Trin Res" by the students of Trinity College, is no more. A place where students once met in merriment to enjoy the finest dining this side of New Britain has fallen to the wolves. The Agolli-family owned restaurant was a staple of Friday nights, Friendsgiving meals, and even the occasional date. Even *The New York Times* praised the hole-in-the-wall dining spot for its authentic cuisine and welcoming atmosphere.

Now, Trinity Restaurant has disappeared, evaporating into the void. Trin Res stood out from other popular food hotspots like Bar Taco and Barcelona with its most enticing feature: a BYOB policy. Where else could you bring in a pack of White Claws, a rack of light beer, and a couple of jugs worth of wine? Chugging a glass of white wine while feeling the soft judgment of your peers as you face a bowl of penna alla vodka is a sensation all students de-

serve to experience during their time at Trinity College. After a long summer of hard work and preparation, the College finally conjured a solution of its own: adding a BYOB option to Mather Hall.

Mather constantly faces brutal backlash and is the easiest butt of any joke. A quick poll of the student body, or a brief scroll through the app Yik Yak, and you'll find rampant Mather slander. The lack of options, the overcrowding of lines, and the unsatisfying effect of the available food on the bowels are just a few of the complaints that befit the unfortunate dining hall. In response to the immense distaste and hatred towards Mather, administrators decided that the only way to reshape its image would be to allow alcohol inside the premises.

It's hard to imagine a world where Mather is a desirable hotspot desperately sought after by the student body, but this is likely to become our new reality. The Halal station is the current shining staple of the shit stain of the dining hall, but the arrival of this new policy stands to shift the narrative around Mather entirely.

Imagine, it's a Thurs-

day. You've finished your final class of the week at a cool 12:45 P.M. and decide it's time to grab lunch. However, what is Thursday without "thirsty" in front of it? As you ready yourself for Mather, you swing open the cold mini-fridge sitting on your ruged floor. You stick a grubby hand inside, fumbling around blindly before your fingers clutch a cold can. With one swift motion, you pull the Bud Light from the fridge and into your back pocket. Next, the Mather line awaits.

"We know that Mather has become increasingly unfavorable among our students. While we considered kidnapping and waterboarding the C.E.O. of Chartwells to release us from our contract, we knew this wasn't entirely feasible. The easiest solution we found was one that runs rampant throughout our campus already: alcohol," revealed a member of the College's communications team. The announcement has quietly slipped under the noses and ears of Trinity students, but the sight of a peer carting a 40 ounce bottle of Miller High Life at the salad bar would serve as a better announcement than any "Trinity Today" email. In fact, some

students recently reported that they were not familiar with the service "Outlook."

The College, in accordance with Trinity Restaurant's own policies, will allow only beer and wine. However, when asked about this policy, a member of the Chartwells team threw in a hearty wink, indicating that the limitations of what someone can and cannot get hammered off of inside of Mather operate on the basis of "Don't ask, don't tell." What can't be seen cannot be stopped!

It's hard to imagine a Trinity College without rowdy nights spent amongst friends at the elusive Trin Res. Yet, with

the loss of one thing comes the gain of another. Trin Res was the noble sacrifice necessary for President Berger-Sweeney and her cohorts to open the flood gates for a boozier time eating on campus. Though she refused to respond with an official comment, President Berger-Sweeney was overheard saying that she is "fucking hype" about her newest addition to life at 300 Summit Street.

Though it remains unclear whether this policy is applicable to other dining halls on campus such as the Cave or the Bistrot. For now, crack open a cold one and enjoy your time in the smoothie line.



A hybrid test image considering what a Trin Res x Mather collaboration could entail should their brands merge.

The 10 Commandments to Quit Vaping: A Sure-Fire Way to Knock the Nic Addiction Once and For All

1. Thou shalt not turn to drunk cigs.
2. Thou shalt not fiend from thy neighbor.
3. Thou shalt not speak the words, "Lush Ice."
4. Thou shalt not go to Sam's.
5. Thou shalt not go to Cumbie's either.
6. Thou shalt not think of the buzz.
7. Thou shalt not rip a Chop.
8. Thou shalt not indulge in a Mole.
9. Thou shalt replace the oral fixation.
10. Thou shalt not remember the Mango.



Remember who you do it for.

SPORTS

Women's Field Hockey Stops Colby in their Tracks

BLYTHER HASTINGS '23
SPORTS EDITOR

The Trinity Women's Field Hockey team showed out in their NESCAC home opener with a 4-1 win over Colby. The women remain undefeated, with an overall record of 4-0 and a NESCAC record of 1-0. This standout start improves the Bantams to 14th in the nation and is the first time the team has won its first four consecutive games since 2012. The women dominated the field against Colby, holding possession of the ball for a majority of the game. Colby tired quickly after trying to regain con-

trol, with no luck. Caelin Flaherty '22, named Bantam of the week for her stellar back-to-back performances on the field, scored a hat trick. She has now scored a total of eight goals in four games, and as a captain, is leading the charge for this stellar winning streak. Flaherty has been dominating throughout the season, scoring two goals and an assist in the 8-0 rout over Keene State. In their second win of the season, a 5-0 showing against Smith, she scored another two goals, and then scored one more in the close 2-1 win over Endicott. As the starting forward, Flaherty

proved Trinity's dominance by scoring within the first two minutes. She then rallied for the rest of the game, scoring a goal in each of the following quarters. Captain and midfielder Christine Taylor '22 capped the game off with the first goal of her college career. Colby made an effort to come back, but in the end, only scored one goal in the final minutes of the game. Junior and starting goalie Emma Cropper '23 also had a great showing, making four huge saves in the first half of the game. Saving hard shots on multiple corners, Cropper helped the Bantams keep Colby at bay heading into the sec-

ond half. Although Cropper did not see much action from the Colby forwards, she has multiple games with no goals allowed in the first half. Other exceptional players during the game were Katrina Winfield '24 and Riley Nichols '23. Both players made plays up the middle and wing, helping to get the ball to Flaherty and the other forwards. Winfield's speed and Nichols's stick skills were too much for Colby, but helped lead the Bantams to a definite win. The Bantams were accompanied by a large showing of fans, rooting for both Trinity and Colby. The Bantams fans, obvi-

ously delighted by the win, cheered for most of the game, as the women continued to make positive play after positive play. Hannah Tjalsma '23 an avid field hockey fan commented, "It's so nice to see these girls back in action. Saturdays are so much more fun when we get to come, watch, and cheer on the team. I can't wait for the rest of the season!" The women play their next game, out of the NESCAC conference, at home at 6 P.M. on Tuesday, Sept. 21 against Springfield College. The Bantams remain hopeful for an outstanding season and, fingers crossed, an even better post-season.

Trinity Football Breaks in New Stadium Facilities with a Commanding Win Over Tufts This Past Saturday

PATRICK GRIMES '23
SPORTS EDITOR

Head Coach of the Football Team Jeff Devaney and quarterback Spencer Fetter '23 led a mass of blue and gold onto Jesse-Miller Field this past Saturday, Sept. 18. Students, faculty, staff, and families alike poured into Trinity's recently completed Tansill Muldoon Stadium to support the long-dormant football program and witness their long-awaited return to the field. A refreshingly active campus was buzzing and grateful to play host to NESCAC football once again. Trinity's 42-28 win thankfully has the football program rolling again after an unfortunately long pause.

The fans were shocked, however, when Tufts began their campaign with a 72-yard touchdown pass snagged by Trevon Woodson. Nevertheless, Fetter and the Bantams were determined to showcase their 18 months of hard work. The run game proved successful for Trinity as running back William Kirby '24 found the endzone twice in his first quarter of college football. Trinity's backfield would prove to be a decisive aspect of their victory against Tufts during this matchup. The Bantams boasted 130 rushing yards while Tufts yielded a mere 49. The first half offensive onslaught would continue as the Bantam quarterback Fetter led drive after drive

with consistent completions. Kirby executed in the red zone when needed, pumping home his third rushing touchdown halfway through the second quarter. Kirby then passed the torch to Fetter and his squad of receivers. Fetter connected with captain and wide receiver Jonathan Girard '22 for two additional touchdowns before halftime. This impeccable example of teamwork left the Jumbos down 35-7 at the break. The QB-WR pair continued their crusade with a third red zone connection to begin the third quarter. Meanwhile, Trinity's seniority on defense kept Tufts pinned and allowed the offense to run wild. Justin O'Neil-Riely '23, Aidan Ken-

nedy '22, and graduate student Matt McCarthy ended the contest with four tackles each. In the wake of Trinity's explosive offense, Tufts found themselves down five touchdowns, a seemingly insurmountable deficit. Tufts head coach Jay Civetti, in his 6th season at Tufts, knew change was necessary. He turned to backup QB Matt Crowley who took over the fourth quarter. Three Tufts drives, all over 64 yards, resulted in three unanswered passing TDs from Crowley. Tufts's last-minute charge would prove to be too little, too late. Trinity recovered an onside kick and killed the clock to secure their first win.

The Bantams unstrapped their pads Satur-

day afternoon with a great sense of accomplishment and relief. A hard-fought and decisive win is the perfect start to boost confidence in a team that has not seen competition since fall 2019.

Semesters of uncertainty, coupled with grueling workouts and practices have produced a strong, impressive, and hopeful Trinity team. The Bantams will dust off their away jerseys to play against the Bowdoin Polar Bears this upcoming Saturday, Sept. 25 at 1 P.M. Historically, this matchup has been dominated by Coach Devaney and the Bantams. The squad will pack up Friday night to continue their expedition through a fractal NESCAC football scene.

This Week in Sports at Trincoll...

Football v. Tufts University W, 42-28	Women's Volleyball v. Western Connecticut State University L, 0-3
Women's Soccer v. Colby College T, 0-0	Women's Volleyball v. Williams College L, 2-3
Men's Soccer v. Colby College L, 0-2	Men's Golf v. Williams College 2nd of 17 teams
Women's Golf v. Middlebury College 11th of 12 teams	Men's Cross Country at UMass Dartmouth Invitational 2nd of 33 teams
Women's Cross Country at UMass Dartmouth Invitational 14th of 30 teams	Women's Field Hockey v. Colby College W, 4-1

Red Sox and Yankees in Tight Race for AL Wildcard

PATRICK GRIMES '23
SPORTS EDITOR

As the weather cools and fall comes into swing, the glorious MLB post-season is in sight. In the American League, Tampa Bay, Houston, and Chicago stand atop their respective divisions. As of Sept. 19, the Boston Red Sox lead the American League wild card race ahead of the Toronto Blue Jays, who sit on the cusp of a playoff chance. Just out of the picture is the New York Yankees, who sit a half game behind the Blue Jays. The Oakland Athletics are the next most plausible contender, two games behind the Blue Jays' coveted seat. With about two weeks remain-

ing in the regular season, it is crunch time for these bubble teams. With every passing day, every game, inning, and at-bat becomes more critical. The margin for error shrinks ever smaller, and the stakes continue to heighten.

Many avid baseball fans believe that the Toronto Blue Jays will hold their position as a wild card team. Their run differential is an astounding +175. This is due to one of the greatest hitting lineups in the MLB. With sluggers like Vladimir Guerrero Jr. and Marcus Semien, each tallying over 40 home runs, Toronto has significant offensive firepower. This impeccable hitting lineup, coupled with a newly revamped bullpen,

allows Toronto to dominate opponents. Toronto is too hot to handle and steamrolling through the MLB. They are an almost-certain wild card contender.

This leaves the Red Sox and Yankees to duke out these fleeting final games. The Red Sox's run differential is more than double that of New York's. Also, the Red Sox are 1.5 games above the Yankees. However, they could be falling fast. The Red Sox roster and staff has been troubled by a COVID outbreak since Aug. 27 when outfielder Kiké Hernández tested positive. Over the past three weeks, 12 Red Sox players, including three 2021 All-Stars in Xander Bogaerts, Chris Sale, and Matt Barnes

have tested positive. They must hold on to avoid any more infections to maintain their place atop the AL wild card standings. The lack of continuity the Red Sox have faced, and continue to face, could very possibly lead to a few dropped games and the loss of a playoff berth.

As for the Yankees, they face a more difficult schedule in the waning regular season. The Yankees need to find the groove that sparked a 13-game winning streak about a month ago. Otherwise, their failure to perform against their division rivals could be their downfall. They will need to continue to lean on Cy Young Award probable Gerrit Cole to pitch lights-out in big

games. Yes, it is certainly true that the Yankees lack momentum and are not as talented as Toronto or Boston. What the Yankees do have, though, is the ability to control their own fate. Boston's lineup is ever-changing, and anxiety is plaguing their clubhouse. The Yankees are completely in control of their own destiny and have the world in their hands, and they must pull together a fantastic final push to lock up an AL wild card game appearance. The Boston Red Sox must keep their talented players in the lineup and put away the less challenging teams in the final weeks. Regardless, only time can tell who will play in game 163 for a chance at the MLB playoffs.

Women's Soccer Maintains Strong Record Early-On

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After a record-breaking start to the season, with a win in their first two games, the Trinity Women's Soccer team is now 2-1-1 after their first conference game. The home opener on Saturday afternoon was a grueling game, ending in a 0-0 tie after two periods of overtime. The game lasted for a total of 110 minutes, and with the extreme heat, the women were extremely tired by the final whistle.

The Bantams, on a roll after their 2-1 season start were hopeful that Colby would be an easy opponent, but after a scoreless game, Bantam players walked off the field frustrated and exhausted. With multiple team injuries, Trinity did their best to put out a good

showing, but to no avail. Unfortunately, the Bantams had a record of 24 shots, eleven of which were on target, though none of them found the back of the net. The women were dominant throughout the game, and at one point, had the ball within Colby's 30-yard line for a solid 15 minutes of pressure. The Bantams had a lights-out defensive performance, a good sign for games to come during the rest of the season, but the forwards struggled to finish on opportunities that were created. Shot after shot missed the goal, going wide, or being saved. Forward Hannah Storozuk '23 had four shots on goal as did Tess Flanders '24, Tori Simas '24, and Sadie Rudolf '24. All four girls had chances, some in the box, but could not finish. After the game, Storozuk walked

off the field, frustrated, saying, "It was a hard-fought game that we dominated but unfortunately we did not take advantage of the numerous opportunities we created, especially in the second half, which resulted in an unsatisfactory tie." Because of the dominant attacking pressure from the Bantams, Colby goalkeeper Emily McMaster was very busy, making 11 total saves throughout the game. Colby was not so successful as the Bantams were at putting the ball close to the goal, with only three recorded shots on goal. But the tying result is a better showing than the 2019 game against Colby where the Bantams lost 0-2. The Bantams have a 6-2-2 record against Colby in the last 10 matchups, dating back to 2011. They expect to keep this streak

going against Colby in the future. Bantam fans were grateful that the game did not result in a loss but left feeling somber after the continuous back and forth

of the game. Even with a tie, the Bantams are looking forward to making moves on their still positive record, playing Clark University this Tuesday at 7 P.M.



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Tori Simas '24 winds up to kick the ball during the season conference opener against Colby College this past Saturday, Sept. 18. The Bantams took a total of 24 shots (11 on goal) against Colby while the Mules only managed three attempts on goal. Their next game is against away at Clark University on Tuesday, Sept. 21.

Coming Up for Bantam Sports:

Tue.

Women's Soccer v. Clark University @ 7 p.m.

Field Hockey v. Springfield College @ 6 p.m.

Sat.

Men's Tennis v. Bowdoin College @ 9 a.m.

Football v. Bowdoin College @ 1 p.m.

